

# Preliminary 2021 Firearm Deer Season Results



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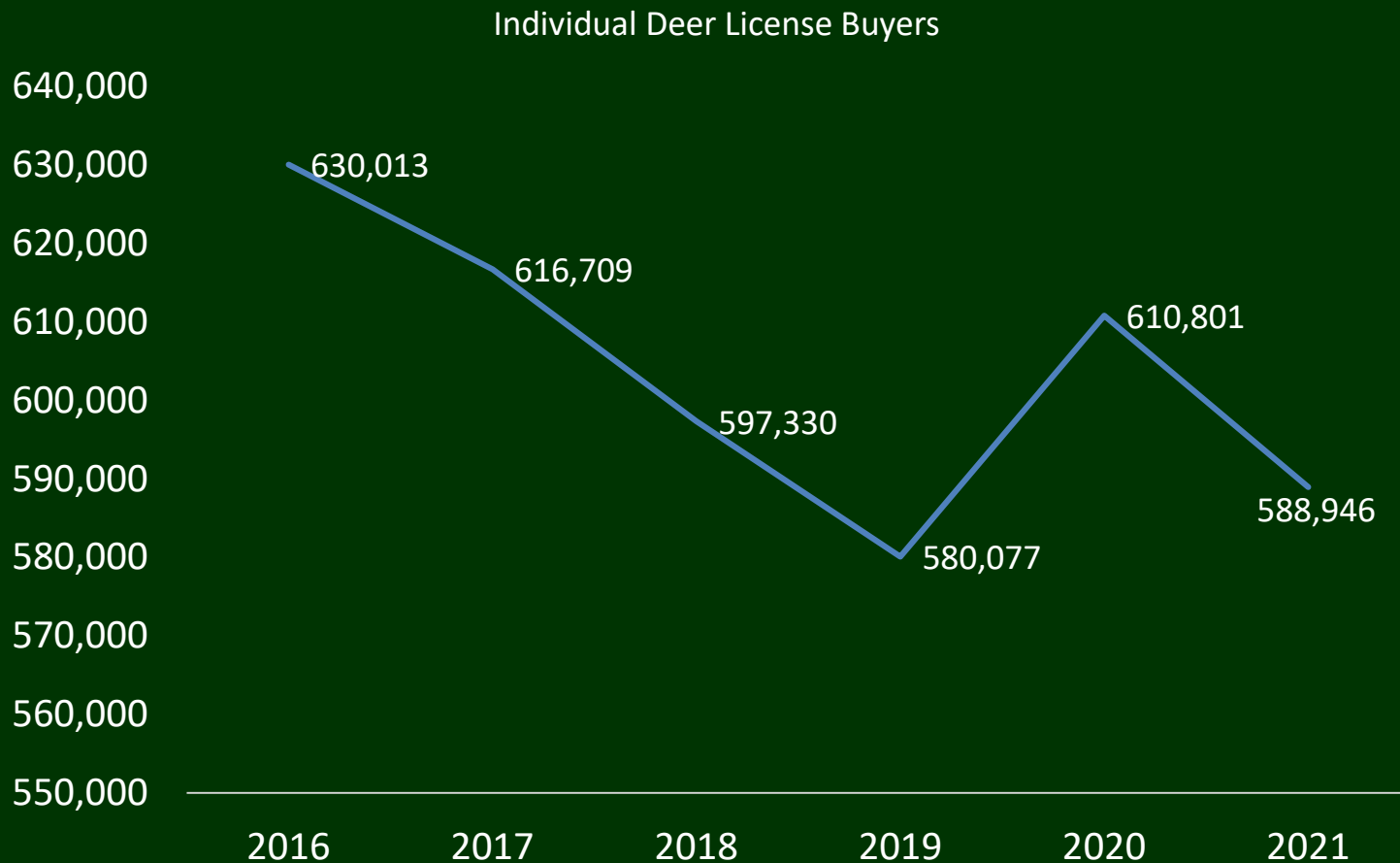
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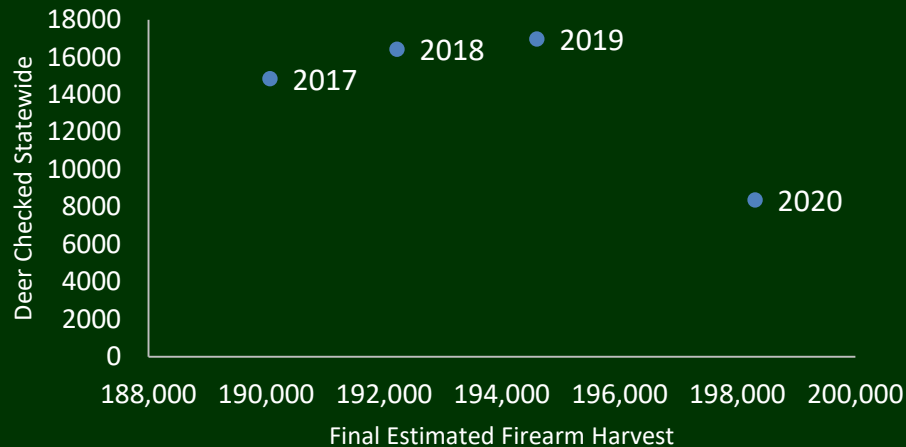
# Evaluation of 2021 Season

- License sales (As of 11/30/2021)
  - Unique deer license buyers down 3.58%

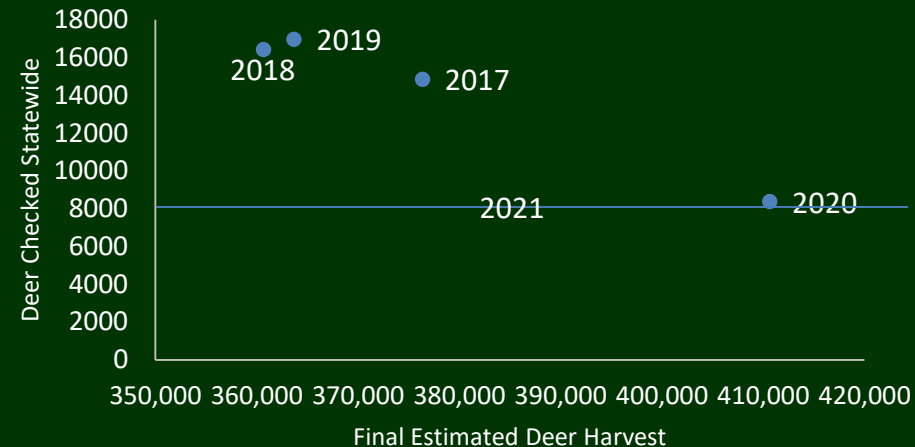


# Historical Deer Check and Harvest

Statewide Firearm Harvest



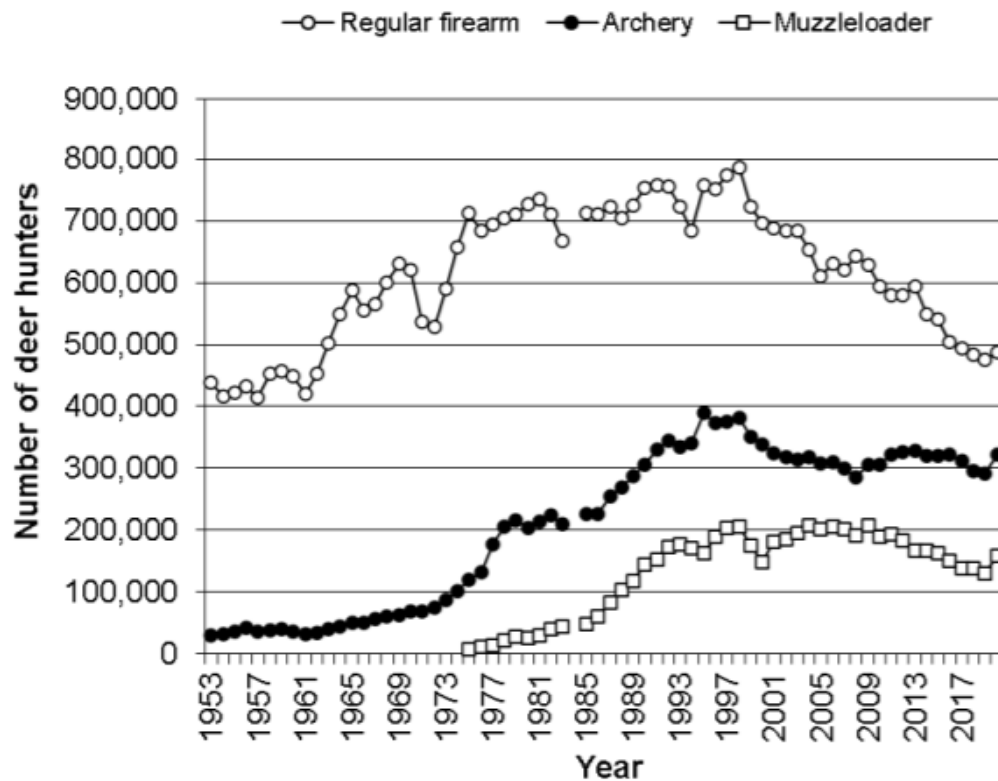
Statewide Deer Harvest



Region of Check Station Location				
Year	NLP	SELP	SWLP	UP
2017	33	17	21	14
2018	31	19	18	12
2019	29	19	19	13
2020	20	15	12	8
2021	16	11	10	8



# Declining Participation in Firearms



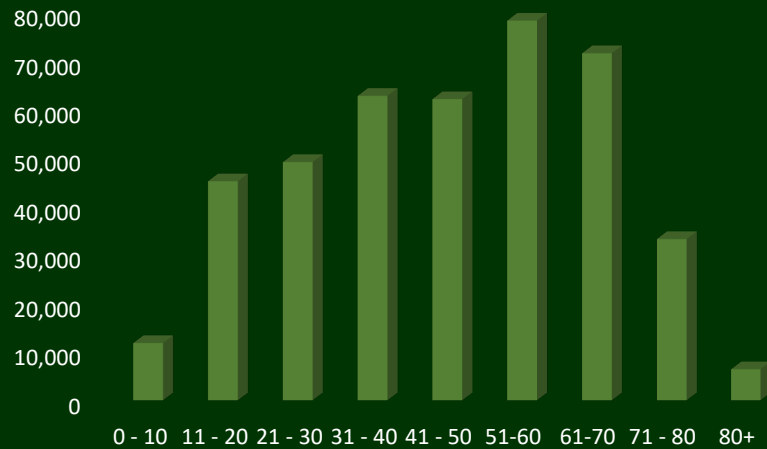
2020 Michigan Deer Harvest Survey Report, Frawley 2020



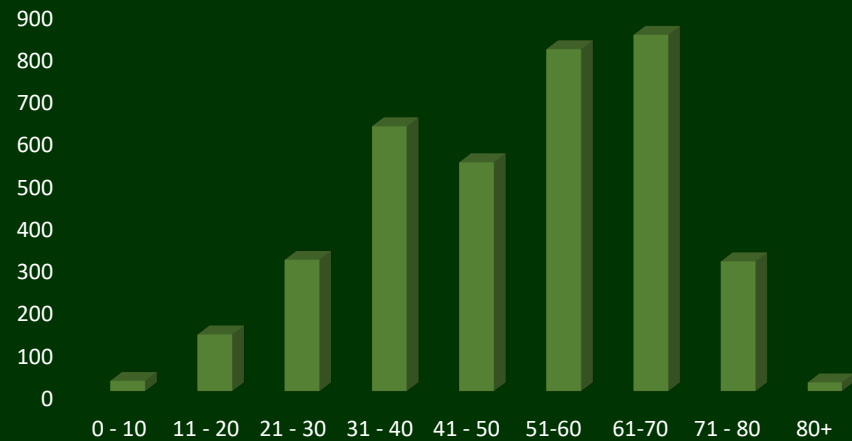


# Harvest Reporting by Age

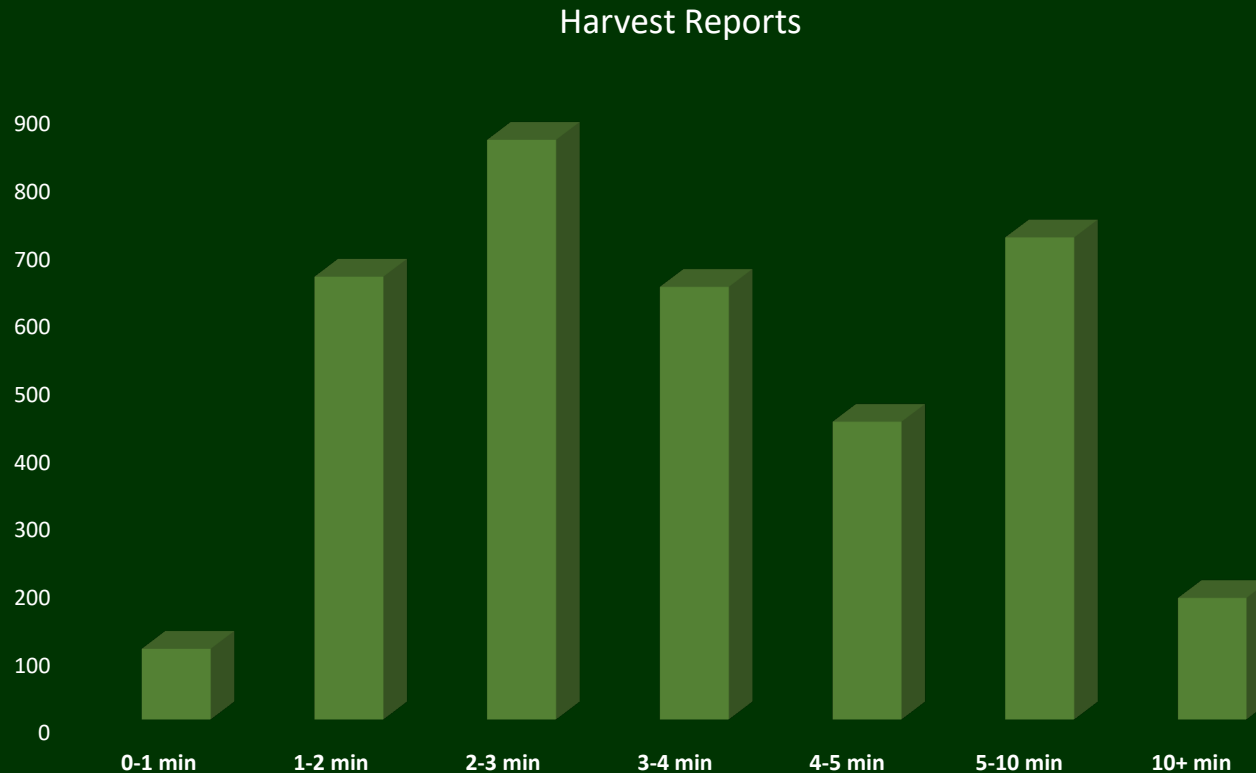
Deer License Buyer



Harvest Reports



# Harvest Report by Time to Complete



# Other states harvests

- Illinois: first weekend firearm harvest up 3,153, about 6.7% from 2020
- Indiana: down 6% from 20-21 as of 12/6
- Wisconsin: Firearms deer harvest down 7.9%, with buck harvest down 1.3% and antlerless harvest down 13.2%
- Minnesota: Firearms deer harvest down about 8%





# CWD Update

- As of December 3, 2021
  - Completed tests on 3,230 deer statewide
    - 2,965 deer from priority surveillance area
    - ~1,600 pending tests not yet accounted for
  - No new counties where CWD has been detected
  - Continued efforts to collect samples outside of traditional check stations
  - Overall, 221 deer overall have tested positive for CWD



# Continued Collection

- Cervid Health Cooperator Program
  - 300 taxidermists contacted via email, letter, phone
  - 27 participating businesses
  - 213 samples submitted to date
  - 13 of 26 taxidermists have submitted at least one sample\*



\*Some taxidermists withholding samples to end of year

# Continued Collection

- Partnerships with MSUE and NDA
  - Staff have attended 3 of 4 scheduled lymph node removal nights
  - Typical attendance <15 individuals
  - Discussions about post deer season events



# TB Update

- As of December 3, 2021
  - Completed tests on 8,821 deer statewide
    - 4,074 deer from priority surveillance areas, including 4-county area and 7 surrounding counties
  - Three confirmed cases thus far in Alpena, but testing for TB takes longer; more suspects awaiting confirmation.
  - Overall, 952 deer overall have tested positive for TB



# Final Firearm Season Estimates

- Mail survey sample of licensed hunters
- All licensed hunters may report online
  - Questionnaire will be at [www.michigan.gov/deer](http://www.michigan.gov/deer)
    - Take Harvest Survey
  - Submit after all 2021 hunting is complete



# Thank You

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